

### **Abstract**

A hay bale retriever/stacker is disclosed. The hay bale retriever/stacker includes a static bed, having a front end and a rear end; a tilt bed, pivotally mounted at the rear end of the static bed; a hay engagement portion, mounted on the tilt bed, for engaging a hay bale during retrieval; a headache rack, slidably mounted on the static bed, capable of sliding from a first position proximate to the rear end of the static bed to a second position proximate to the front end of the static bed; a hay bale stabilizer disposed on the static bed proximate to the rear end of the static bed to stabilize the hay bale; a first hydraulic ram mounted on the tilt bed to move the hay bale forward to the static bed; a second hydraulic ram mounted on the tilt bed, proximate to the first hydraulic ram, to move the hay bale forward to the static bed; and a hydraulic winch and cable mounted on the static bed for slidably moving the headache rack from the second position to the first position.